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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Nasser Ahmad		1772	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Rejection Maintained

1. Claims 2-9 and 11-18 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Casagrande in view of Fischer for reasons of record made in the last Office Action of February 21, 2006.
2. Further, newly presented dependent claims 19-25 have been grouped with the rejection made under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Casagrande in view of Fischer in the last Office Action.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed May 4, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Fischer is not properly combinable with Casagrande because Fischer explicitly discloses the undesirability of bridging portions in col. 1, lines 41-45 and thus teaches away from the claims of the present application. This is not deemed to be convincing because Fischer was cited to show that the presence of a cut-out in a business form for rendering the integrated card removable is obvious. The prior art was considered as a whole by the examiner and as explained in the last Office Action, aspect of the business form having integrated card having die-cut periphery is shown by the primary reference of Casagrande and the presence of a cut-out for aiding in removal of the integrated card is shown by the Fischer, and combining Fischer with Casagrande would have been obvious to provide for the cut-out with the integrated card in the business form of Casagrande.

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Regarding the newly presented dependent claims, the presence of die cut extending through all the layers, such as the base, liner and cover layers is shown in Casagrande, figure-2.

For claims 23-25, the step of forming the plurality of die-cuts is shown in Casagrande.

Thus, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it remains the examiner's position that the claimed invention would have been obvious over the prior art of record discussed above.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

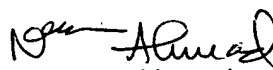
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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July 5, 2006.